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MEXICO INDEPENDENT

MEXICO, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1874.

News of the Week.

At Nelsonville, Ohio, on Saturday, striking miners drove the citizens off the streets, fired several buildings and shot three men, mortally wounding them.

Secretary Richardson resumed his duties at the Treasury Department, Saturday. He does not intend to resign.

The Howard Court of Inquiry has honorably acquitted General Howard. The papers will be laid before the President for approval, by Judge-advocate-general Holt.

The damage by the breaking up of the ice bridge at Quebec, on Friday, is estimated at \$500,000.

Destructive fires are reported as raging in the woods on the lines of several railroads in Minnesota.

The American Oriental Topographical Corps have reached Jerusalem, after making explorations in the vicinity of Mount Sinai, where they were detained two days by a heavy snow storm.

In reply to congratulations from Castelar, Marshal Serrano said the Carlist movement was only shaken, not vanquished entirely. They are gradually abandoning their cause in northern Spain.

Thursday, ex-treasurer Sprague, of Brooklyn, was acquitted by the grand jury.

Bennett and Searle, Supreme Court judges of Arkansas, were re-arrested, Thursday.

In Chicot county, Arkansas, many persons are subsisting on carcasses of cattle that had died of starvation or been drowned by the overflow.

The United States Senate on Thursday passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the overflow of the Mississippi.

The trustees and a committee of the creditors of Jay Cooke & Co., have declared a dividend of five per cent. and adopted a plan of settlement.

Vernon Center claims to have the biggest elm tree in Vermont. It is six feet four inches in diameter, and less than one hundred years old.

Michigan boasts of a surplus in its treasury of a million dollars.

Suit has been brought by James H. Banker against the Lake Shore railroad for a million and a half dollars.

A channel has been cut in the ice bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec.

The Chief-Justice and three associate justices of the Supreme Court of Arkansas have decided that Mr. Brooks is Governor. A full bench, on the former occasion, decided that the Court had no jurisdiction in the case.

The Brooks and Baxter factions had a skirmish in Little Rock Saturday.

Street firing and barricades were indulged in.

The attorneys of the respective parties and the attorney-general have agreed on a plan of settling the question of the Governorship of Arkansas. The Legislature is to meet in extra session May 25, and the contestants will submit their claims and abide by its decision. All troops are to be disbanded except a body guard of one company. Baxter has refused to accede to this proposition, and it is believed Brooks will do likewise.

The river and harbor appropriation bill appropriates \$1,000,000 for the New York State; \$40,000 for Hudson river improvements, and \$225,000 to remove obstructions in Hell Gate.

Internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year, \$86,538,047; legal tenders outstanding, \$348,858,508.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts granted twenty-one divorces in one day, recently.

Extensive fires prevail in the woods at Elma and Marilla, Erie county, and Bennington, Wyoming, county.

Liver and Blood Diseases.

BY R. V. PURCE.

A healthy liver secretes each day about two and a half pounds of bile, which contains a great amount of waste material taken from the blood. When the liver becomes torpid or congested, it fails to eliminate this vast amount of noxious substance, which, therefore, remains to poison the blood, and is conveyed to every part of the system. What must be the condition of the blood when it is receiving and retaining each day two and a half pounds of poison? Nature tries to work on this poison through other channels and organs—the kidneys, lungs, skin, etc., but these organs become over-taxed in performing this labor in addition to their natural functions, and cannot long withstand the pressure, but become variously diseased.

The brain, which is the great electric center of all vitality, is unduly stimulated by the unhealthy blood, which passes to the heart and it fails to perform its office healthfully. Hence the symptoms of bile poisoning, which are dullness, headache, incapacity to keep the mind on any subject, impairment of memory, drowsy, or nervous feelings, bloomy complexion, and irritability of temper. The blood itself being diseased, as it forms the sweat upon the surface of the skin, it is so irritating and causes eruptions, pimples, blotches, and scrofulous tumors. The stomach, bowels, and other organs cannot escape becoming affected, sooner or later, and we have as the result, costiveness, piles, dropsy, dyspepsia, diarrhoea. Other symptoms are common, as bitter or bad taste in mouth, internal heat, palpitation, teasing cough, uneasy appetite, choking sensation in throat, bloating of stomach, pain in sides or about shoulders or back, coldness of extremities, etc., etc. Only a few of the above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time. The liver being the great depurating or blood cleansing organ of the system—set this great "housekeeper of our health" at work, and the foul corruptions, which gather in the blood, and rot out as it were, the machinery of life, are gradually expelled from the system. For this purpose Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery with very small doses daily of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets are pre-eminent the articles needed. They cure every kind of humor from the worst scrofula to the common pimple, blotch or eruption. Great eating ulcers kindly heal under their mighty curative influence. Violent blood poisons that lurk in the system are by them robbed of their terrors, and by their persevering and somewhat protracted use the most tainted systems may be completely renovated and built up anew. Enlarged glands, tumors and swellings dwindle away and disappear under the influence of these great

SUPPERS—From Scrofula and Scrofulous affections, clean up! Why wear your Pimples, Blotches, Ulcers, Sores? Why have your life twisted out of you by Dyspepsia, Rheumatism and Gout? Why suffer Syphilis and Mercurial diseases to rot the bones in your body, or the flesh off your bones? Why let your sluggish blood drag, and scatter its distempers through your veins? AYER'S COMP. EX'T. or SARSAPARILLA cures these complaints, and cleanses them out of the system. Use it faithfully, and you bring to society a healthier, cleaner, and far more acceptable member.—*Democrat*, Baltimore, Md.

The *Times* says Dr. Walpole has lost his beautiful chestnut mare. She died suddenly in harness, it is supposed from bots or pin worms. If the Doctor had used *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powder*, he would, no doubt, have had his mare to day—they are death on worms.

Chapped hands are very common with those who have their hands much in water. A few drops of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* rubbed over the hands two or three times a day, will keep them soft and white. Fishermen, sailors, and others will do well to remember this.

SATURATE A PIECE OF BREAD OR MEAT—with gastric juice and it will dissolve. This is digestion. Add to such a mixture a little alcohol, and it will not dissolve. This is *indigestion*. Beware, then, of tinctures, or tonics, or decoctions containing spirituous liquors. Shun all run "tonics," and rely solely on Dr. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS, the finest digestive invigorant known, and free from the fiery course of Alcohol. 25-4

MARRIED:
At the M. E. parsonage, Mexico, April 10th, 1874, by Rev. J. T. Hewitt, Mr. Charles I. Gillett, of this town, and Miss Minerva R. Mack of New Haven, Conn.

At Palermo, on the 7th inst., at the residence of Mr. James Rock, by D. L. Brown, Esq., Mr. Angus Benway, of Fulton, and Miss Josephine Rock, of Palermo, N. Y.

DIED:
At Union Square, May 5th, of heart disease, Ambrose Huntington, aged 82 years.

Mr. Huntington was a soldier in the war of 1812, and took an active part in the then existing times at Sackett Harbor, and along the Northern frontier. He was one of the first settlers of Union Square.

At Union Square, May 9th, Mrs. Jane, wife of Ambrose Huntington, aged 65 years.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

DR. L. H. SPRAGUE has opened an office in Room 32, Gray's Hotel, Palisadi, for the treatment of all kinds of Chronic Diseases. Thirty years experience has taught the Doctor that almost all cases of chronic diseases can be cured in a much shorter time and with greater ease to the patient, and by more scientific means than the use of medicine. Female diseases made particularly specialty. It will cost you nothing to call and consult the Doctor.

GOOD HEALTH—HOW TO GET IT.
Take occasionally a few doses of HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS. It gives tone to the stomach, facilitating the digestion and assimilation of food, so necessary to the nourishment of the body. It regulates the bowels, carrying off the impurities of the system, and thus keeps the system healthy and vigorous. It is a powerful purgative, but a medicinal preparation, that is curing its thousands daily who joyfully testify to its wonderful efficacy in curing disease, and restoring health. When a brisk purgative is required, use HOOPLAND'S PODOPHYLLIN PILLS. They act promptly, without nausea or distress. Proprietors, JOHN H. HOLLOWAY & Co., Philadelphia. Sold by all Druggists.

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In Oswego.

Will solicit a continuance of the liberal patronage extended to us in the past.

JAMES MCCARTHY. 46-47

Oswego, May 1, 1874.

MEXICO MARKETS.

The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:
Flour (retail) Spr's \$3.00, red \$3.00, white \$3.00
Meal, 1/2 cwt, (retail) 1 80
Corn, 90 @ 1.00
Oats, 65 @ 70
Butter, 25 @ 28
Lard, 11 @ 16
Cheese, 10 @ 13
Eggs, 10 @ 15
Beans, 1/2 cwt, 5 @ 16
Buckwheat, 1/2 cwt, 5 @ 16
Mutton, 1/2 cwt, \$19 @ \$20
Pork, 1/2 barrel, retail, \$8 00
Pork 1/2 cwt, \$8 00
Apples, (disaid) 1/2 lb, 07 @ 08
Ham, 1/2 lb, 09 @ 12
Dressed Poultry, 1/2 lb, 8 @ 10
Potatoes, 1/2 bush, 75 @ 1 00

Housekeepers Take Notice.

Oswego Flour, Winter, \$2.15; Spring, \$1.87.
Kerosene oil, 15 cts per gallon.
One Dollar Tea, 80 " per lb.
Eggs, (fresh), from 9 to 10 cts.
Hams, 12 1/2 cts.
Shoulders, 9 cts.
10 lbs of Oat Meal, 10 to 13 cts.
Soap, 5 cts.
Cotton Thread, 7 cts. per spool.
The poor can have cheaper.
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Mexico, N. Y., April 22, 1874. 25

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Let Your Light Shine.

We would be very much pleased if any of our subscribers would from time to time furnish us with any items of news for our paper, which are of interest to the deaf and dumb. There is scarcely to be found an educated deaf-mute or a hearing friend of the deaf, who could not send us occasionally some news items, or a few practical hints, or something of his or her own personal observation which would be of value to some one or all of our readers. In this way you can help us to make *The Deaf-Mutes' Journal* more interesting and be instrumental in promoting the welfare of each other. We have already received many kind responses to our calls for contributions and news items for all of which we tender our hearty thanks, and ask for a continuance of the same.

Friends, send on your correspondence and items of news. If anything in your locality occurs which our mute readers would like to hear about, we hope every one of you will let us know, and we will publish the same with pleasure.

Who Shall the Orator be?

We have in this week's issue a communication from a highly respected gentleman of letters, who occasionally favors us and our readers with a contribution, in which several excellent names are suggested for the orator on the occasion of the unveiling of the Clero bust. For many reasons the orator should be a deaf-mute, and on this point there can be no question. As Mr. S. says it is our tribute, and it must not be taken away. Moreover, it is our right. But as to the orator, in case it is not possible to secure a suitable older man, our suggestion is that the Executive Committee select for the orator, their accomplished Secretary, Henry Winter Style, A. M.

Death of Walter Fullerton.

We are pained to announce the death of our friend, Mr. Walter Fullerton, of Hannibal, N. Y., (an account of whose sickness we gave our readers some time since) which occurred on the morning of the 1st, at the age of sixty-three years. Though an infirm man, he was much beloved by his family and friends and respected by all who knew him. In life he had prepared for death by seeking forgiveness for his sins, and our subsequent, after a lingering disease and great suffering for six months, rest that for him it was better to depart and dwell with his Savior. He delighted, during his sickness, in having his friends explain the Scriptures and Christ's miracles to him. When a small boy he received Christian baptism, and on the 17th of last March, he was able to partake of the Lord's supper which proved to be his last on earth. His funeral was attended Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, by a large gathering of mourning friends and acquaintances, and the funeral discourse was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Seward, of Hannibal. Mr. Fullerton left a wife and many personal friends who deeply mourn their loss. We extend to all the bereaved our sympathies in their hour of distress.

Book Notice.

A little book has appeared, entitled "A Companion for Deaf-Mutes." Its author is Mr. Thomas Widd, himself a deaf-mute and principal of the Montreal Protestant Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. The book is neatly printed and of size convenient to be carried about the person, and in the pocket it does not take up so much space as an ordinary pass-book. It is meant to be a book of reference for deaf-mutes in times of perplexity in mental business, but a good dictionary and arithmetic at hand would answer the purpose just as well. In its preface, the author says that the publication does not pretend to be perfect, and it is not. "Abbreviations" and "Latin and French Words and Phrases" there are some errors, typographical, we suppose, which would be well to correct in the next edition. The author says he has endeavored to use language sufficiently simple for the (mutes) comprehension, but in some of the subjects treated, simplicity does not seem to be a compensating feature.

The plan is a most excellent one, but could have been better carried out, as Mr. Widd says that he shall be happy to receive suggestions from instructors and others interested, we suppose, in the next edition, it will be.

One feature about the book that commends it to the attention of the benevolent, is that the proceeds of its sale are to be devoted to the aid of the institution which the author represents. The purchaser certainly gets his money's worth, for the price is not much—only fifty cents a copy, and to the inmates of the institutions of the country, where, found, a fine opportunity is presented to those charitably inclined, to buy a book which even if they do not need, they will know that the purchase price will go to the aid of a kindred institution to whom money is never too plenty and always welcome.

There will of course always be individuals, who, rather than encourage such a publication, prefer to charge the charity to their cash-book. Nevertheless, we hope the little book will have something of a sale, and if the first edition is taken, we can expect a better.

Country Life vs. City Life for Deaf-Mutes.

Agricultural pursuits, as a means of health and comfort, and for security and reliability, have been and are still recommended by men of profound wisdom

and forethought. This will apply to the deaf and dumb as well as other people. "God made the country, man made the city," is a proverb which contains a vast field for careful consideration. The subject now before us is deaf-mute farmers. We know that the present generation of all classes entertain popular notions of centralization towards our villages and cities. But popular opinion sometimes falls far short of being a correct opinion. Why do so many deaf-mutes cling to the cities to eke out a miserable existence, and often requiring the assistance of friends to keep soul and body together? Far better would it be for them to launch out into the country, where upon their own they might stand a good chance to better their financial condition. We are now addressing our remarks more particularly to those deaf-mutes who, for a wretched pittance, prefer staying in the city, working hard for half a living, to being beautifully located on their own farms and working for themselves, where they might be comfortable and happy. We do not advise any deaf-mute to throw up a good lucrative position till he feels sure he can do better, but we refer to that class of mutes who are over-worked, half-paid and, of course, generally manage to just about half live. The deaf-mute man of family, who owns, clear from debt, a farm sufficiently large to support his family comfortably, is an independent man, and like Robinson Crusoe, can say, "I am monarch of all I survey, my right there is none to dispute." Many deaf-mutes, who, instead of paying out much money, would use the same towards paying for a farm, might in a few years own a beautiful home free of all incumbrance. Some of you perhaps will think it an utter impossibility to pay for a farm. But remember that fortune favors the brave and only the brave. No matter even if it should be a small farm with small buildings, it is not better to be free and happy on your own farm and live in your own cozy little house with enough to eat and wear while you are contented with the thought that it is yours, than to be pinched and cramped in order to sustain yourself and families and stay in a house or one of two houses, perhaps, while some one else owns the house.

City life also engenders much more crime and disease than the country. The city furnishes many and great temptations, from many of which the country, to a great extent, is free. Perhaps a few will say that their present wages in the city are very good. But you should consider that you are at any time in the city liable to be thrown out of employment if you are a mechanical laborer, whereas if you were on your own farm there would be little need of being thrown out of employment. A few idle or unemployed days in the city are sure to rob you of your savings of weeks or months. We maintain that your prospects for success would be more favorable even if you were laborers for a few years on farms than if you were journeymen mechanical laborers in the city. There is no property so secure as a good farm which has been purchased at its fair value. The evils produced by war are felt and known by almost every farmer, but among the citizens of the cities. In times of panic or other great national calamities the farmers are invariably the last and least to sustain any permanent loss. At such times when commercial men, merchants, bankers or ruined the farmer is guaranteed the greatest security in his possessions. Many times, when by a flicker freak of fortune railroad stockholders and millionaires are reduced to poverty or actual beggary, not a ripple occurs to disturb the peaceful and prosperous life of the thrifty and contented farmers of our country.

There is no work on earth so strengthening to the muscles of the body, and so exhilarating to a man's spirits as agricultural labor. When a man owns a farm, every hard day's work judiciously expended upon it, either in the way of raising crops or making improvements upon the land or buildings, almost always pays better for the investment than the same amount of labor in any capacity in which he might perform it if he lived in the city. There is no tedious and dull monotony on a farm. How beautiful to look upon are the rich pasture and clean meadow lands! With what an air of comfort and assurance can a farmer look over his acres and contemplate his growing crops of hay and grain, of his fruits and vegetables! The agriculturist has the first choice of his best products—he it is who may select for home consumption, (if he chooses to do), the finest and the best that his land can produce. His beef and pork, his poultry, eggs, butter, cheese, vegetables and milk for family use, are usually of the choicest varieties, while often his city cousins must be content with tough beef, and many other similar products, which the farmer, if he misses a surplus, is generally willing to sell. We do not say that all the products of the farm which find markets in the cities are inferior qualities, but we do say, from actual observation in both city and country, that townsmen usually appreciate the best for themselves. Nor are they any more selfish than other people. Sometimes people will say that it is a hard time for farmers. Granted that there is, but it is rather a tight time for city dwellers, but the same time it happens to be harder for other folks, for if the crops are light or poor, for one or two years, the fact is only too significant that they may, by virtue of their position, live upon the best of the earth's productions, while other classes must, by virtue of necessity pay exorbitant prices for that which is worse. We think we can say beyond the fear of successful contradiction that there is no class of people in this country to day gaining wealth so easily as the farmers. While merchants, many of them, are sure to end in bankruptcy and ruin, while speculators are overwhelmed with fear of a financial crash, the agricultural community are peacefully and happily pursuing the path that will surely lead them to wealth and power.

Minor Topics.

At a quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes held in St. Ann's Church, New York, on Wednesday evening, April 29th, Messrs. Carlin, Fitzgerald, Lewis, Haight, Newell, Campbell and Fersenheim were appointed a committee with power to

begin a Building Fund for the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes. Mr. Carlin is chairman and Mr. Fitzgerald treasurer. The committee will put forth a circular in due time.

Signs.

The following from *Harper's Weekly*, though not relating to the deaf and dumb, is of interesting coming from the pen of an intelligent semi-mute lady.

O sad brown hills! O pitiful sea-side slope, Bare as the heart beneath of lost ships!

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I am faint at heart for sight of her sweet face; I am like a homeless child;

Lost in the void of this great wintry wild— When will she come?

That was the blackbird. He is calling her, Out there, high up in that lean juniper, Just now into the brook

A snow wreath slipped, confronted by the sun; And mark! a hint of green hath just begun To creep across the grass,

Forerunner of what yet shall come to pass: Hush! listen! look!

There goes an autumn flash between the tugs; The blackbird seeks a nest for his new brood

Hard by your pussy willow. Down in the underbrush what that sweet? No more will Robin dwell to beg his head!

Straight as an arrow Back to his old haunts flies the Quakerish sparrow— She has left her pillow!

The rocks are emeralded with fresh green mosses, And cunning lichens broider grassy bosses, On a chestnut bur

Poises a hesitating snail new-come, Prince Gold-coat, though 'tis far too late for summer.

Spring's rascal and close behind, And these, her lieges, knowing her constant mind, Dare all for her.

—Howard Vyand.

The Clero Bust.

The model of the bust of Mr. Clero is now nearly finished, and has been visited by many persons who knew the original well. Every one recognized it as most excellent likeness. One of Mr. Clero's old pupils, Miss Pense, was requested to go alone into the room where it stood among other works of art. It was turned so that she could see only a little of one side of the face, from behind. But as soon as she perceived it she started, and pointed to it with delight, exclaiming, "That is Mr. Clero!"

The instructors of the Asylum are unanimous in praising it; and it is highly spoken of by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, who knew Mr. Clero from his own cradle. The Secretary of the Nat. C. M. Union, who lived several years in Hartford while a student at Trinity College, spent several hours on Saturday studying it closely, having gone up for the purpose. He is perfectly satisfied with it.

Mrs. Clero is now in Hartford; but has been prevented by the inclement weather from visiting it yet. When she and Rev. Dr. Turner (who has also been unable to examine it yet) have expressed their approval, the Executive Committee of the Union will, no doubt, accept the model, and direct the casting to be made.

It has been proposed to have a hearing orator; but we do not believe the idea has met with any favor. Our representative should be one of ourselves. There will be plenty of hearing friends to add their tributes, from their different points of view; the oration is our tribute; we must not place it in the hands of an outsider.

The orator should be one of Mr. Clero's old pupils, or one of the early pupils of the American Asylum. If possible, if this is not possible, he should be a personal friend, or familiar with Mr. Clero's character and services by contemporary reputation. The choice should be made first from among the older members of our class; and only in case of its being found impossible for one of them to perform the service, should it be assigned to a younger man.

Of the former the four most prominent are Mr. Thomas Brown, of New Hampshire; Mr. Job Turner, of the Virginia Institution; Mr. Edmund Booth, of Anamosa, Iowa; and Mr. J. J. Flournoy, of Athens, Georgia. Mr. Brown is President of the National Clero Memorial Union. Mr. Turner is highly spoken of by those who know him; but strange to say, the Va. C. M. A., of which he is president, has not been heard of since it was organized, a year ago; and perhaps Mr. Turner's health, which probably has prevented him from pushing matters at home, might forbid his attempting this effort. Mr. Booth's literary ability is very widely known; and he early showed his interest in the cause by his letter in the *Annals*, recommending the form for the memorial which has now been adopted. Mr. Flournoy is well known to the readers of the *Annals* before the war, as an enthusiastic advocate of a community of deaf-mutes. Since the war he has scarcely been heard of, and we do not know whether, if living, he could be tempted out of his seclusion.

Perhaps the only names which can be placed with these, of persons not pupils of Mr. Clero, are those of Messrs. Carlin and Nack, and Prof. Burnett. The qualifications of these gentlemen are known to all.

Of younger men there are so many whose names occur to us; and there are doubtless so many more equally suitable that we do not at the moment recollect, to mention all. But while adhering to our preference of an older man as the first, we will say that the selection will have our hearty approval, if it falls upon Mr. James Denison, of Washington D. C.—a son of New England and a graduate

of the Asylum, personally known East, West and South, and a gentleman of high culture and elegant scholarship; and in whose literary productions the only fault we can find is that his modesty has given to the world so few.

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Service for deaf-mutes was held in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. Five were baptized and five were confirmed.

Rev. Dr. Gallaudet interpreted the baptismal service as read by Rev. Dr. Clero and also the addresses of Rev. Dr. Rudder and Bishop Stevens.

Mr. Warring Wilkinson, of the California Institution, has made several additions to, and changes in his corps of instructors, and so arranged the internal affairs of his institution that the pupils under his care are very much delighted. He has lately obtained an appropriation of \$5,000 from the Legislature for the purpose of beautifying the grounds of the institution, and another of \$1,000 to lay a plank walk from the institution to the horse-car terminus. This last improvement will be greatly appreciated, in the wet season especially. An institution under the management of an energetic and interested principal must always be successful, and its inmates are sure to be happy.

There came last January, from Scotland to California, a young deaf-mute named John Hay. He tried to get work, but does not appear to have been successful. Then he became melancholy and determined to commit suicide. Accordingly he jumped into the bay, but was rescued and carried to the headquarters of the local police. He was furnished with clothing, we believe, by the inmates of the California Institution, then complaining of sickness, he was sent to the hospital, but soon after ran away. When he was caught and brought back, the police declared him insane and sent him to the Insane Asylum at Stockton to join the other deaf-mutes there—one from New York, another from Hartford and a third from the Sandwich Islands.

Wanted an Orator.

that the Clero monument will be dedicated next August, and there will be a great gathering at Hartford. It will be a most interesting occasion. The Executive Committee are already making arrangements for suitable ceremonies and festivities, and will do all in their power to make the occasion enjoyable and memorable. The oration will be one of the principal and most honorable parts of the ceremony. We have some curiosity to know who will be honored with the appointment. Perhaps the Committee will not object, if we present a few names for their consideration; they have always tried to do what was best and most acceptable to the contributors and the public in general, and may be glad to have the possible choice discussed and preferences made known.

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